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**SANTA ANA-ANAHEIM-IRVINE METROPOLITAN DIVISION
(ORANGE COUNTY)**
Seasonal gains and losses dominate February employment

The unemployment rate in Orange County was 4.1 percent in February 2005, stable from the revised rate for January 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 4.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent for California and 5.8 percent for the nation during the same period.

Between January and February 2005, nonfarm wage and salary employment in Orange County grew by 5,500 to reach 1,463,000 jobs. This is a normal seasonal increase.

- Government posted the largest gain, with the addition of 1,800 jobs over the month. Nearly 78 percent of the seasonal growth was in local government education, as teachers returned to the classroom following semester breaks.
- Leisure and hospitality employment grew by 1,600 jobs, with 87 percent of the increase in accommodation and food service.
- Professional and business services, and educational and health services, each added 1,300 jobs over the month, with gains scattered throughout their sectors.
- Trade, transportation and utilities reported the only decline, with a seasonal decrease of 2,200 jobs. The losses were concentrated in retail trade, as stores continued to lay off temporary workers following the holiday shopping season.

Between February 2004 and February 2005, total nonfarm employment was up 27,100 jobs, an increase of 1.9 percent.

- Professional and business services reported the largest gain with the addition of 11,400 jobs. Over three quarters of the job growth was in administrative and support services, which includes temporary help agencies.
- Financial activities reported an increase of 4,200 jobs, with over 71 percent of the gains in finance and insurance. Construction employment was up 4,000 jobs, with nearly 70 percent of the growth in specialty trade contractors.
- Trade, transportation and utilities employment rose by 3,600 jobs. Over 88 percent of the expansion was in retail trade, led by advances in clothing and clothing accessory stores, grocery stores, and food and beverage stores.
- Information was the only industry to decline over the year, with a reduction of 900 jobs. Losses were concentrated in telecommunications resellers.

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Civilian Labor Force (1)	1,583,920	1,604,600	1,599,100	1,613,600	0.9%	1.9%
Civilian Employment	1,511,750	1,546,270	1,534,100	1,548,100	0.9%	2.4%
Civilian Unemployment	72,170	58,330	64,900	65,500	0.9%	-9.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	4.6%	3.6%	4.1%	4.1%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%		

Total, All Industries (2)	1,442,100	1,487,400	1,463,500	1,469,600	0.4%	1.9%
Total Farm	6,200	5,600	6,000	6,600	10.0%	6.5%
Total Nonfarm	1,435,900	1,481,800	1,457,500	1,463,000	0.4%	1.9%
Total Private	1,281,000	1,326,700	1,304,100	1,307,800	0.3%	2.1%
Goods Producing	269,600	279,200	274,900	275,900	0.4%	2.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	87,000	94,300	90,700	91,000	0.3%	4.6%
Construction of Buildings	18,300	20,500	19,600	19,400	-1.0%	6.0%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,100	7,600	7,200	7,200	0.0%	1.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	61,600	66,200	63,900	64,400	0.8%	4.5%
Manufacturing	182,000	184,300	183,600	184,300	0.4%	1.3%
Durable Goods	125,600	127,900	127,500	128,000	0.4%	1.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	22,700	23,400	23,300	23,500	0.9%	3.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,000	10,600	10,600	10,600	0.0%	-3.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	41,400	42,300	42,400	42,400	0.0%	2.4%
Computer and Peripheral Equipment Manufact	6,100	6,300	6,300	6,300	0.0%	3.3%
Communications Equipment Manufacturing	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-9.1%
Semiconductor and Electronic Component Ma	13,300	13,200	13,300	13,400	0.8%	0.8%
Electronic Instrument Manufacturing	18,400	19,000	19,000	19,000	0.0%	3.3%
Residual-Magnetic Media Manufacturing and P	1,400	1,800	1,800	1,700	-5.6%	21.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	17,100	17,500	17,600	17,700	0.6%	3.5%
Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing	10,900	11,500	11,600	11,600	0.0%	6.4%
Residual-Other Transportation Equipment Ma	6,200	6,000	6,000	6,100	1.7%	-1.6%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	33,400	34,100	33,600	33,800	0.6%	1.2%
Nondurable Goods	56,400	56,400	56,100	56,300	0.4%	-0.2%
Food Manufacturing	7,400	7,600	7,400	7,400	0.0%	0.0%
Textile & Apparel	14,200	13,600	13,600	13,700	0.7%	-3.5%
Paper Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
Printing and Related Support Activities	9,400	9,400	9,500	9,600	1.1%	2.1%
Residual-Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg	21,600	22,000	21,800	21,800	0.0%	0.9%
Service Providing	1,166,300	1,202,600	1,182,600	1,187,100	0.4%	1.8%
Private Service Producing	1,011,400	1,047,500	1,029,200	1,031,900	0.3%	2.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	259,900	274,400	265,700	263,500	-0.8%	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	81,600	82,300	81,900	82,000	0.1%	0.5%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	47,400	47,100	46,700	46,500	-0.4%	-1.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	22,300	22,400	22,200	22,400	0.9%	0.4%
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and I	11,900	12,800	13,000	13,100	0.8%	10.1%
Retail Trade	149,200	162,800	154,700	152,400	-1.5%	2.1%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealer	19,900	20,300	20,300	20,300	0.0%	2.0%
Electronics and Appliance Stores	8,800	9,600	9,300	9,100	-2.2%	3.4%
Building Material and Garden Equipment Stores	11,800	11,900	11,700	11,700	0.0%	-0.8%
Food and Beverage Stores	24,800	26,200	26,000	26,000	0.0%	4.8%
Grocery Stores	21,400	22,800	22,700	22,700	0.0%	6.1%
Residual-Specialty Food Stores	3,400	3,400	3,300	3,300	0.0%	-2.9%
Health and Personal Care Stores	10,500	10,600	10,300	10,300	0.0%	-1.9%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	17,700	22,200	20,900	20,100	-3.8%	13.6%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	8,500	9,000	8,700	8,500	-2.3%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	21,800	26,200	22,700	21,700	-4.4%	-0.5%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	25,400	26,800	24,800	24,700	-0.4%	-2.8%

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Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	29,100	29,300	29,100	29,100	0.0%	0.0%
Utilities	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	25,500	25,700	25,500	25,500	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Air Transportation	13,100	13,000	13,000	13,000	0.0%	-0.8%
Couriers and Messengers	6,800	7,000	6,800	6,800	0.0%	0.0%
Warehousing and Storage	5,600	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	1.8%
Information	34,300	33,200	33,400	33,400	0.0%	-2.6%
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	10,000	9,800	9,800	9,800	0.0%	-2.0%
Telecommunications	15,200	14,100	14,200	14,200	0.0%	-6.6%
Wireless Telecommunications Carriers	3,600	3,700	3,800	3,800	0.0%	5.6%
Telecommunications Resellers	8,100	6,800	6,900	6,900	0.0%	-14.8%
Residual-Other Telecommunications	3,500	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Other Information Services	9,100	9,300	9,400	9,400	0.0%	3.3%
Financial Activities	129,000	133,100	132,700	133,200	0.4%	3.3%
Finance and Insurance	93,300	96,500	96,000	96,300	0.3%	3.2%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	48,200	50,400	50,200	50,400	0.4%	4.6%
Depository Credit Intermediation	17,800	17,400	17,500	17,500	0.0%	-1.7%
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	20,900	22,300	22,200	22,400	0.9%	7.2%
Activities Related to Credit Intermediation	9,500	10,700	10,500	10,500	0.0%	10.5%
Insurance Carriers and Related	35,700	36,000	35,800	35,900	0.3%	0.6%
Insurance Carriers	22,200	22,500	22,400	22,400	0.0%	0.9%
Agencies, Brokerages, and Other Insurance R	13,500	13,500	13,400	13,500	0.7%	0.0%
Residual-Other Finance	9,400	10,100	10,000	10,000	0.0%	6.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35,700	36,600	36,700	36,900	0.5%	3.4%
Real Estate	29,200	29,900	30,000	30,200	0.7%	3.4%
Residual-Rental and Leasing Services	6,500	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	3.1%
Professional and Business Services	251,300	266,500	261,400	262,700	0.5%	4.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	95,100	98,300	96,800	97,500	0.7%	2.5%
Legal Services	14,300	14,500	14,200	14,300	0.7%	0.0%
Accounting, Tax Preparation and Bookkeeping	10,400	9,600	9,800	10,100	3.1%	-2.9%
Architectural, Engineering and Related Services	20,100	20,900	20,600	20,700	0.5%	3.0%
Computer Systems Design and Related Service	15,000	15,200	14,900	15,000	0.7%	0.0%
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulti	14,000	15,800	15,600	15,700	0.6%	12.1%
Advertising and Related Services	9,800	10,300	10,100	10,200	1.0%	4.1%
Residual-Other Professional, Scientific and Tec	11,500	12,000	11,600	11,500	-0.9%	0.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	30,400	30,900	30,500	30,400	-0.3%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	125,800	137,300	134,100	134,800	0.5%	7.2%
Administrative and Support Services	121,800	133,000	129,900	130,600	0.5%	7.2%
Employment Services	58,500	67,300	64,600	64,800	0.3%	10.8%
Investigation and Security Services	11,100	11,300	11,100	11,000	-0.9%	-0.9%
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	28,000	30,300	29,900	30,300	1.3%	8.2%
Residual-Other Support Services	24,200	24,100	24,300	24,500	0.8%	1.2%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,000	4,300	4,200	4,200	0.0%	5.0%
Educational and Health Services	130,200	130,500	130,200	131,500	1.0%	1.0%
Educational Services	19,200	19,300	18,600	19,500	4.8%	1.6%
Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools	4,400	4,500	4,100	4,500	9.8%	2.3%
Residual-Elementary and Secondary Schools	14,800	14,800	14,500	15,000	3.4%	1.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	111,000	111,200	111,600	112,000	0.4%	0.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	51,600	52,800	52,400	52,700	0.6%	2.1%
Hospitals	29,700	29,900	30,400	30,500	0.3%	2.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	18,000	17,200	17,500	17,500	0.0%	-2.8%
Social Assistance	11,700	11,300	11,300	11,300	0.0%	-3.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	160,100	162,600	159,300	160,900	1.0%	0.5%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	33,700	34,000	32,600	32,800	0.6%	-2.7%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	29,200	29,200	27,700	28,000	1.1%	-4.1%
Residual-Performing Arts, Spectator Sports	4,500	4,800	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	6.7%

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Accommodation and Food Service	126,400	128,600	126,700	128,100	1.1%	1.3%
Accommodation	21,100	20,500	20,100	20,300	1.0%	-3.8%
Food Services and Drinking Places	105,300	108,100	106,600	107,800	1.1%	2.4%
Full-Service Restaurants	55,000	57,000	56,000	56,700	1.3%	3.1%
Limited-Service Eating Places	43,600	44,000	43,600	44,100	1.1%	1.1%
Residual-Special Food Services	6,700	7,100	7,000	7,000	0.0%	4.5%
Other Services	46,600	47,200	46,500	46,700	0.4%	0.2%
Government	154,900	155,100	153,400	155,200	1.2%	0.2%
Federal Government	12,000	11,600	11,500	11,500	0.0%	-4.2%
Department of Defense	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,000	0.0%	-9.1%
Other Federal Government	10,900	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	-3.7%
State and Local Government	142,900	143,500	141,900	143,700	1.3%	0.6%
State Government	27,200	26,900	27,100	27,100	0.0%	-0.4%
State Government Education	17,000	16,800	16,700	16,800	0.6%	-1.2%
Other State Government	10,200	10,100	10,400	10,300	-1.0%	1.0%
Local Government	115,700	116,600	114,800	116,600	1.6%	0.8%
Local Government Education	75,400	76,100	74,600	76,000	1.9%	0.8%
County	19,600	19,700	19,600	19,700	0.5%	0.5%
City	16,700	16,700	16,600	16,800	1.2%	0.6%
Other Local Government	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	2.5%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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